Tom WHITTAKER

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My principal place of residence is in the Fairlie Community Board area.

I'm Tom Whittaker, born and raised in Fairlie on our family farm. After completing school locally, I undertook a building apprenticeship with L&L Construction. I then spent eight years in Australia working in building, farming, and civil construction, where I met my wife Jess. After the birth of our first child, we returned home, knowing the Mackenzie District was the best

place to raise a family.

I'm applying because I care deeply about our district. I regularly talk with farmers and understand the challenges they face. I deal with changing regulations in my business and believe in bringing practical, common-sense thinking to the table but also taking into consideration protocols and regulations, something I have adapted to in all the different industries I have worked in.

I've seen Fairlie change and grow. I want to represent both long-term locals and new voices, ensuring everyone is heard.